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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), an extension of time of three months in the amount of \$870.00 is hereby requested to respond to the Official Action mailed June 25, 1999. The requisite fee in the amount of \$870.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is enclosed by check.

A response to the Office Action in the form of a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.13(b) is being filed concurrently herewith under separate cover. A copy of the present Petition is attached to the transmittal of such continuation application.

If any additional fees are due or any overpayment has been made, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 or credit our Deposit Account for such sum.

Respectfully submitted,

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